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Letter dated 2 February 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 1 February 2006, addressed to you by Reşat Çağlar, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Baki **İlkin**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 2 February 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey herewith a letter dated 1 February 2006 addressed to you by Mehmet Ali Talat, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) Reşat **Çağlar**
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Enclosure

I am writing to express the full support of the Turkish Cypriot side to the action plan announced by Abdullah Gül, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, on 24 January 2006. It is my considered view that under the current circumstances, this proposal is our best chance for ending the current deadlock and moving forward towards reconciliation in Cyprus, as well as in the eastern Mediterranean.

The content of the proposal is in line with the European Council of Ministers decision of 26 April 2004, as well as with your mission of good offices report dated 28 May 2004, which call for an end to the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot people. Given that the isolation of Turkish Cypriots continues despite those historic documents and the expressed will of the international community, other ways and means to end this isolation, namely the action plan of Turkey, should be utilized. As was also mentioned in the action plan, the ultimate aim remains the comprehensive solution to the Cyprus problem on the basis of the United Nations settlement plan.

It is also true that the action plan will help to avert a possible escalation of tension in our region as it will enable Turkey to open its ports to Greek Cypriot vessels and air carriers and avoid a confrontation with the European Union. The announcement of the action plan by Turkey, and our full support of it, is the latest proof that both the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkey continue to pursue a win-win approach in Cyprus.

I hope and trust that you will give due consideration to the action plan and urge all parties interested in Cyprus to assist us in our efforts to end the current deadlock in Cyprus by utilizing the action plan, which was put forward by Turkey and is fully supported by the Turkish Cypriot side.

(*Signed*) Mehmet Ali **Talat**
President